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Statement from State Senator Alberta Darling on Protecting Free Speech Rights in Wisconsin

MADISON -The co-chair of the state's budget-writing Joint Finance Committee, State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) issued the following statement after the Senate protected citizens from the abuses of out-of-control special prosecutors.

"Free speech isn't free when it's threatened with unlimited warrants, predawn military-style raids, and the denial of constitutional rights. This is a nation where people have the right to face their accusers and defend themselves against charges.

In Illinois, corrupt politicians are caught and put in jail - frequently - without an overreaching John Doe law. If politicians are corrupt in Wisconsin, they will get caught.

These free-speech protections don't limit the ability of prosecutors to pursue criminals. Instead, prosecutions will continue in the light of day, rather than in the shadows of unaccountability."

Senator Darling represents portions of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha Counties.